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DISCOVERED IN TIME.

During Absence of Family, Light in Mrs. Cook's House Last Saturday Night Alarms Neighbor.

DETERMINED ACTION TAKEN AT ONCE.

During the early hours of last Saturday morning, a few of the residents on the Hill had an excitement all to themselves that for genuine quality was as real as when results are far more serious.

Mrs. S. M. Cook, had, on Saturday, gone over to spend a few days in Chambersburg, and Saturday evening her daughter Miss Kittle locked the doors of their home carefully, and went across the street to spend the night with her friend Miss Netha Nesbit.

A snow had been falling during the afternoon and evening, in consequence of which there were very few pedestrians on the street; and at an early hour the absence of light in most of the homes bore evidence that most of the Hill residents were snugly tucked away between blankets and had been spirited away into dream-land.

Whether it was because Mrs. Nesbit had retired earlier than usual and had her sleep out, or whether it was because her husband was away from home on a business trip, and she felt the weight of added responsibility in the oversight of their home, our reporter does not say, but between three and four o'clock she suddenly became wide awake and saw dim flashes of light throwing faint shadows in her room. Bound up from her bed and hastening to a window, she was terrified to see a light in one of the windows of Mrs. Cook's residence. The light was now brighter—then dimmer; and it only took a second to draw the conclusion that some wicked burglar had taken advantage of the absence of the family to go into the home and ransack it at his leisure.

But this was no time for speculation as to the probable quantity of booty that the bad man had already secured; something must be done—and done quickly; hence she aroused Netha and Kittle, and called George Summers, a stout boy who is making his home in the Nesbit family this winter, and pointed out to them the scene of trouble.

Did they hoist the window and yell for some one of the officers of the town. Not a bit of it. They had better sense than to waste any time in McConnellsburg calling officers. In exactly two minutes their toilet was arranged, and armed with hat pins and a butcher knife the trio last named were in the street and ready to do or die.

When they reached the Cook residence they found that the light in the window was a reflection from a burning ash barrel in the back yard on the Harris property which adjoins that of Mrs. Cook.

It only took George Summers a minute to pile snow enough on the burning ash barrel to place it beyond the danger point, and they all went back to the Nesbit home and a very few of the neighbors know yet how near their part of the town came to having a tragedy or a disastrous conflagration during the early hours of Sunday morning.

WEST DUBLIN.

Z. A. Shaw is confined to his room with heart trouble.

Hi-am Clevenger is threatened with an attack of "grip."

Charlie Hoover and Harper Barton, of Hustontown, were hunting foxes on Saturday. Their dogs trailed one to Sideling Hill mountain.

J. E. Lyon killed a hog on Wednesday that weighed 350 lbs.

G. M. Brant made a business trip each to Three Springs, New Grenada and Kearney last week.

Clarence Hoover, of Licking Creek, spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. Andrew Hoover.

MRS. EVA CATHERINE ECKERT.

Died at the Home of Her Daughter in York, Pa., Aged Almost 92 Years.

Mrs. Catherine Eckert, perhaps Fulton county's oldest resident, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gress, in York, Pa., last Wednesday, aged 91 years, 8 months and 11 days.

Mrs. Eckert, who was the widow of Philip Eckert, lived many years on the old Eckert farm on the Chambersburg turnpike about two miles east of this place—lived there until last summer a year, when she went to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Gress at York. Since that time she had been almost helpless, but her mind remained clear to the end of her long life.

Both she and her husband were born in Germany, and they came to this country in the early part of the last century, in the same ship, but were not married until sometime after their arrival here. Mrs. Eckert was a sister of the mother of George Finiff, Sr., of Tod township, and Mr. Finiff says that he and his father walked from McConnellsburg to Baltimore to meet Mr. Eckert and his aunt Catherine when the latter came over from Germany.

Mrs. Eckert is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sophia Gress, of York, and Mrs. Catherine Metcalf, of Waynesboro, Pa.

From early girlhood Mrs. Eckert was a member of the Lutheran church, and her remains were laid to rest in the Lutheran graveyard in this place last Friday by the side of her husband who died 52 years ago.

West View.

Mrs. John May is ill of pneumonia.

Sleighting is fine and our young people are making good use of it. Nancy Weaver spent Tuesday evening at the home of W. L. Shaw.

Minnie Roser is visiting Mrs. Arthur Weaver.

Uncle Leonar Nycum is visiting his niece, Mrs. Jacob Weaver.

The Baptist congregation have caught the spirit of improvement and are going to repair the church at Tonoloway. Go ahead, as it is the tenth Baptist church built in the United States, having been erected in 1752 by the Philadelphia congregation. Joseph Powell was the first preacher and was of Welsh descent.

Hustontown.

Harry Keller recently purchased the Shoemaker property and will move to town in the spring.

The Epworth League, of this place, had a handsome new organ placed in the M. E. church last Saturday.

Miss Alice Davis was suddenly called to her home in Williamsport, Pa., on Monday last week.

Miss Lydia Mumma returned to her home in this place last week, after having spent several weeks visiting in Pittsburg and other towns in western Pennsylvania.

Michael Long and nephew, Howard Long, came down from Yellow Creek last Friday—Howard returning on Sunday, and Michael remaining to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Berkley Sipes.

There will be a Christmas entertainment and tree in the M. E. church Saturday night, Dec. 24th, to which everybody is cordially invited. No admission will be charged, although a liberal collection will be expected. The proceeds will go toward canceling the debt on the new organ.

Among our callers Monday was P. B. Mellus of Saluvia. Notwithstanding the fact that the last time Philip was in town he lost a set of harness while returning home, he had a smile on his face that indicated that fortune did not always look down on him with a frown, and when we inquired the cause, we found it was because the doctor had left a nice little girl baby at his house a few days ago.

WEEK OF PRAYER TOPICS.

Year to Open with Sermons on "True Worship."

Each year is opened with a week of prayer. On Sunday, Jan. 1, the topic for sermons all over the land will be "The World-Wide Conditions of True Worship." The text will be:

"But the hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers. God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."—John 4:23, 24.

The topics for the week follow:

Monday, January 2.—"The Kingdom of God on Earth."

Tuesday, January 3.—"The Visible Church of Christ."

Wednesday, January 4.—"All Peoples and Nations."

Thursday, January 5.—"Missions—Home and Foreign."

Friday, January 6.—"The Family and the School."

Saturday, January 7.—"Our Own Country."

Sunday, January 8.—Sermons on "The Reign of the Prince of Peace." "And he shall speak peace unto the nations; and his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth."—Zach. 9:10.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Reading a Newspaper it Became Ignited and Set Her Clothes Afire.

Word has been received here of the tragic death of Miss Adeline Kimmel at the home of her sister Mrs. Alfred Bell in Shippensburg last Sunday evening.

During Sunday afternoon Miss Kimmel, who is 70 years of age was sitting near the stove reading a newspaper, when it suddenly became ignited and the flames were conducted to her dress, and before help could reach her she was enveloped in flames.

Suffering most excruciatingly, she lingered until Sunday evening when death mercifully relieved her from her suffering.

Many years ago Miss Kimmel sustained an accident that nearly ended her life. While in her home and during a severe storm she was struck by lightning, being badly burned.

BRUSH CREEK.

There is good sledding in our valley and the merry sound of sleigh bells is heard.

Miss Grace Hixson, who is attending school at Shippensburg, is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, Amos Hixson and wife at Crystal Springs.

Mrs. Lizzie McKibbin and son, Alex, were called to Buck Valley last Friday to attend the funeral of Elmer Staley.

Charles Lodge, who is attending school at Williamsport, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. E. H. Lodge, at Emmaville.

John Smith, Jr., wife and two children Harold and Raymond, and Misses Grace and Flora Smith and Flora Mills, and Messrs. Edward Lodge and Claud Smith—all of Emmaville, spent last Friday evening with M. E. Barton and family at Crystal Springs.

Harry Hill, of Buck Valley, spent last Thursday night with George McKibbin at Crystal Springs.

Ernest Hixson spent last Wednesday evening with Miss Nora Fisher.

The McKendree M. E. Sunday school is preparing for a Christmas entertainment to be held on Friday evening, December 23d.

State Teachers' Association.

A cordial invitation is extended to the teachers of this county to attend the meeting of the State Teachers' Association, to be held in Reading next July. It will be a pleasant and profitable outing for any who may go. An effort is being put forth to make it one of the largest meetings in the history of the association.

HAS 65,000 SOCIETIES.

Christian Endeavor Statistics Show Remarkable Growth.

Reports read at the executive committee meeting of the United Society of Christian Endeavor at Boston show the new societies added during the last quarter to be 563, making a total world wide enrollment of over 65,000 societies. New floating societies of Christian Endeavor have been organized on the battleships Ohio and Newark, and the cruisers Boston, Maine and Chicago.

Preparations for the Baltimore convention in July, 1906, were reported to be well under way. The army in Baltimore, seating 16,500, and music hall, accommodating 3000 more, have been secured for auditoriums, and a number of churches will also be used. A choir of more than 3000 will be trained for the convention.

State Directors' Convention.

The School Directors' Department of the State Educational Association will meet in Tenth Annual Convention in Assembly Hall, High School Building, Harrisburg, Pa., Thursday and Friday, February 9 and 10, 1905.

The program has been prepared with great care, and the inspiration and information that will be received by directors who may attend will well repay them for any sacrifice they may make in doing so.

Arrangements have been made with the railroads for reduced rates, so that directors may get the benefit of one and one-third fare, so that, as far as Fulton county directors are concerned, the railroad fare from Mercersburg would be less than \$3.00 for the round trip.

Newman.

The many friends of Mrs. Katie M. Newman will be grieved to learn that she passed to her reward, Dec. 6, 1904, from her home at Castana, Manoa county, Iowa. In former years she had made a number of visits to Hustontown and vicinity in which place there are many who formed her acquaintance.

Her maiden name was Gelwicks and she was born and reared in Chambersburg, in which town she made her home until April 10, 1902, when she was united in marriage to Charles Newman, of Castana, Iowa.

For some time she had been in failing health and gradually her strong, vigorous constitution succumbed to the ravages of disease. She possessed many rare traits of character, and in the days of her good health was competent to cast away gloom from others by her own genial, cheerful disposition.

She was a consistent member of the Reformed church, and was true, devoted and loyal to the church of her choice. During the last stages of her sickness, she was cared for by her mother and husband who lovingly ministered to her every want. As she gradually grew weaker and knew that the end was coming soon, her expressed desire was to depart and be with the Lord. The final summoning did not find her unprepared; but it found her ready with her lamp trimmed and burning, and in peace she "fell asleep."

The funeral services were conducted at the house on Thursday afternoon, December 8th, by Rev. Fred Ray, pastor of the M. E. church, Castana, and interment made in Center cemetery. Beautiful floral offerings were presented by friends and neighbors. She leaves a husband, father, mother, six sisters and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

H. W. N.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson W. Peck and the latter's sister, Mrs. Eli M. Peck, of Needmore, spent a few hours in town last Wednesday.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. Samuel A. Wible's Friends Give Him a Very Agreeable Surprise.

On Wednesday morning of last week, Mr. Samuel A. Wible was in a building at his home used in warm weather as a summer kitchen. He was busy laying off tenons and mortises in the construction of a sled, little thinking of the flight of time, or that this particular day concluded 47 cycles in his pilgrimage in life's journey. Just what he was thinking about we are not told—probably, whether the snow would hold out until he got his sled finished; but one thing is certain, his reveries were suddenly disturbed by the jingle of sleigh bells, and the music of voices singing, "Count your milestones one by one." Glancing through a window, and seeing numerous sleighs and sleds containing loads of merry men, women and children, and all stopping at his home, led him to the conclusion that there was something "going on."

The chisel and mallet were dropped, and the sled in the old kitchen forgotten as Mr. Wible went out and had his ears pulled 47 times 47 in the frosty air.

Very soon the house was filled with merry guests and the teams were put away in warm stables. The day was delightfully spent. At noon the dining room doors were thrown open and the guests went out and sat down to a dinner that would tempt the appetite of a king.

After dinner, the guests were assembled in the parlor, where they joined in singing "When the roll is called up yonder," led by A. L. Wible. A scripture lesson was then read by E. J. Croft, and a devout prayer was offered by Mr. B. F. Wible. This service was closed by singing "God be with you till we meet again."

Mr. Wible was the recipient of many gifts.

Those present were, B. F. Wible and wife, A. L. Wible and wife, Harvey Wible and wife, D. H. Wible and family, W. S. Brant and son, Adam Oylar and wife, Mrs. Maggie Ambrose, D. H. Croft and family, Ary Deshong and family, E. J. Croft and family, John R. Wible, Orson C. Wible, Lewis D. Wible and Mrs. Sarah A. Croft.

Thompson Heard From.

David G. McDonald of Thompson claims the championship of Fulton county for big porkers.—He recently butchered three pigs. The first was a little over 18 months old and netted 474 lbs; the other two, 8 months old, one weighing 288 and the other 247. This is not an exceptional case with him. Three or four years ago he raised two, one of which cleaned 527 and the other 465 and the year previous to that he killed one that cleaned 511.

Local Institute.

There will be a local institute at Webster Mills school, Friday evening, December 23rd. Topics for discussion: 1. Education; Its Importance to the Average Boy or Girl. 2. Importance of Regularity and Punctuality in Attendance. 3. Character-building in the School.

All friends of education are invited to come and take part, HATTIE B. KENDALL.

One of the most attractive calendars that we have seen for 1905 comes from our enterprising merchant friend William B. Sipes, of Mt. Carroll, Illinois. Besides having the regulation pad, and his business card, it presents a fine photograph of his little daughter Dorothy. Will is a hustler, and from a modest beginning a few years ago, is now one of the leading business men of his city, and he owes much of his success to liberal and judicious advertising.

Mrs. S. M. Cook spent several days this week the guest of friends in Chambersburg.

STATE'S FOREST LANDS.

Pennsylvania Owns Over 700,000 Acres of Wooded Reserves.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association was held in Philadelphia, on Tuesday, and all the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. In the report of the council of the association, made by Recording Secretary F. L. Bittler, it was shown that at present this State owns 700,000 acres of forest reserves, which are being added to from time to time when desirable lands can be obtained at reasonable figures. As far as the association is aware, Pennsylvania is the only State in the Union except New York, which is pursuing a regular system of acquiring forest reserves.

LIFE PARTNERSHIP.

A Couple of Burnt Cabins' Best Young People Married at the Washington House.

Mr. J. Croslin McGowan and Miss Dora E. Johnson, both of Burnt Cabins, were united in marriage at the Washington House last Wednesday by the Rev. J. S. Phillips, pastor of the M. E. church at that place.

Mr. McGowan is a prominent young business man, being a member of the firm of Comer & McGowan engaged extensively in the lumber business. The bride is a cultured and intelligent young lady. The "News" extends congratulations, and wishes the couple a long life of happiness and prosperity.

CLEAR RIDGE.

W. R. Fields is building a new porch to his house.

Miss Lizzie Fields still remains in a critical condition.

A. W. Brown is getting his new house up slowly. It will soon be under roof.

James Appleby and family were guests of the family of N. B. Heury last Saturday.

There will be a Christmas entertainment here next Saturday evening.

We wish all the readers of the "News" a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Rush Locke, of Locke Valley, was a pleasant caller in our town last Saturday evening.

If you do not have your ear muffs on too tight you will hear wedding bells before long, if you are about Clear Ridge.

Quite a number of our young people took advantage of the good sleighing to worship with the Hustontown brethren recently.

On account of the inclemency of the weather last Saturday night, the attendance at the oyster supper was not large.

Mrs. Arthur Kegarise and son, of Altoona, are spending part of the winter with the former's parents, Huston Heeter and wife.

Mrs. H. T. Heeter returned home last Tuesday after an absence of a few weeks in Huntingdon with her daughter Mrs. James Hock.

Bert Sipes and family, of Hustontown, accompanied by Mrs. John Hoover and daughter, spent last Sunday with the family of R. J. Fields.

Brinton Gamble, of Franklin county, was a pleasant visitor last Friday and Saturday in the home of J. W. Mooers. Mr. Gamble spent Friday night in the home of his uncle and aunt, A. J. Fraker and wife.

J. W. Heeter and wife returned to the home of the latter's parents at Fort Littleton last Saturday, after an absence of five weeks. Mr. Heeter had been in Blair county and other places soliciting orders for pictures.

There will be divine services in the Hebrew Reformed church near Big Cove Tannery on Christmas morning at 10:30 at which time the pastor will deliver a special sermon—the theme of which will be "The Old Old Story of the Saviour's Birth."

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure. You'll Find it Right Here.

David Kline, of Andover, was in town last Wednesday on business.

Prothonotary Hatri was called to Pleasant Ridge Saturday on business.

Miss Jennie Cooper, of Chicago, is visiting her mother and brother here.

Mrs. James G. Kline, of Mercersburg, was a McConnellsburg visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Comer of Burnt Cabins were in McConnellsburg last Friday.

Ex-County Commissioner L. K. Cline of Burnt Cabins, spent a day in town last week.

Our neighbor Charles Stevens made a little trip up to New Grenada the first of this week.

M. R. Shaffner, Esq., took advantage of the good sleighing and went over to Huntingdon Monday.

Henry Tritle and wife, of Dickey's station, spent several days with relatives in this place last week.

Jury Commissioner Simon Deshong, and Sheridan Deshong, of Pleasant Ridge, spent last Wednesday in town.

Dr. D. A. Hill and daughter Miss Carrie, of Fort Littleton, were registered at the Washington House yesterday.

Miss Marden Stouteagle went over to the home of her grandparents in Brush Creek Valley last Friday to spend the holidays.

Miss Carrie Kline, who had been employed at Homer L. Sipes' in Licking Creek township, returned to her home at Mercersburg Saturday.

The Sunday school of St Paul's Reformed church, of this place, will render a Christmas service entitled "The Wonderful Child" on Christmas evening at 7 o'clock.

The many friends of Brother Chambers of Big Cove Tannery, who has been in poor health for several weeks will learn with regret that there is not much improvement.

Adam Gress and wife, of York, Pa., and Mrs. Catharine Metcalf, of Waynesboro, attended the funeral of Mrs. Eckert here last Friday, and remained among friends until Monday noon.

Miss Emma Sloan, Miss Grace Hixson, Miss Bess Irwin, Frank Daniels, Don Morton, and Harry Seville—all students at the Shippensburg Normal, are spending their holiday vacation at their respective homes.

A sledding party composed of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Fraker, Mr. Beaver Fraker, Miss Cora Fraker, and Mrs. D. W. Cromer—all of Fort Littleton, and Miss Gertrude Finley, of Burnt Cabins, spent yesterday in McConnellsburg.

Among the marriage licenses recently granted by Clerk Harris, may be noted that of Mr. Oliver Mock, of Altoona, and Miss Rose Lockard, of Wells Tannery; Mr. Charles L. Hammers, of Gettysburg, and Miss Flora S. Lamber, of Ayr township, and Mr. Samuel M. Pittman, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Fore—both of Tod township.

Mrs. Emma Kendall Henderson, of Richmond, Kansas, in sending a dollar to advance her subscription, says that the farmers out there are suffering much inconvenience on account of the dry weather. She says their state is forging ahead in great shape—railroads everywhere, a telephone in the home of nearly every farmer, and the Rural Free Delivery man drops the mail at your door every day.